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southwest of sentry
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Significance: The ready building was built in 1958 from standardized drawings approved by the Corps of Engineers, which were designed by the firm of Spector and Montgomery of Falls Church, Virginia. Nike buildings were considered modified emergency buildings. Originally, they were to be pre-fabricated structures, but were rather unsightly and did not contribute to troop morale and, therefore, were changed to modified emergency design. The ready building housed a squad room, restrooms, a dining and day room, a heater room, a storage area, and lockers.

Description: This building is a masonry structure containing 1,776 square feet. It has concrete footings, foundation, and floor, cinder block walls, and a built-up roof. The interior is sealed and painted, with a tile floor and electrical service. It has two vestibules and ten windows.

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